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TEXT OF ESRO PRESS RELEASE PHONED BY SCICON TO H. POLLACK TODAY,
REPEATED BELOW :

QUOTE - SPACELAB DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN EUROPEAN PARTNERS AND THE UNITED STATES
OPENED FOR SIGNATURE

ON 10 AUGUST 1973, SIX MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN SPACE RESEARCH
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ORGANIZATION (ESRO) SIGNED THE "ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN CERTAIN MEMBER

STATES OF ESRO AND ESRO" FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, AS AN ESRO SPECIAL PROJECT, OF THE SPACELAB THAT FORMS THE EUROPEAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE AMERICAN SPACE SHUTTLE PROGRAM. THE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE SIX MEMBER STATES CONCERNED REPRESENT 76 PERCENT OF THE OVERALL

SUM THAT EUROPE WILL DEVOTE TO THE SPACELAB PROGRAM.

TODAY (14 AUGUST) AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND HER EUROPEAN PARTNERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SPACELAB WAS OPENED FOR SIGNATURE IN PARIS.

AT THE INITIAL CEREMONY, HELD AT ESRO HEADQUARTERS, NEUILLY, THE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY FIVE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES - BELGIUM, FRANCE, GERMANY, SWITZERLAND AND THE UNITED KINGDOM - AND BY THE UNITED STATES. A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN NASA AND ESRO, THE IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES, HAS ALSO BEEN INITIALLED.

THE NETHERLANDS WILL SIGN THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ON 17 AUGUST, AND ADDITIONAL EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO SIGN IT BY 21 SEPTEMBER.

ON 24 SEPTEMBER, THERE WILL BE AN OFFICIAL CEREMONY IN WASHINGTON, ON THE OCCASION OF THE SIGNATURE OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN NASA AND ESRO, THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF WHICH WILL PERMIT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM. END QUOTE.STONE

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